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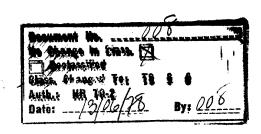
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Certain indications observed in connection with prominent lear ders of the Hungarian Workers Party show that the RAJK affair hashot yet been settled. Before anything leaked out about the causes, each leader cursed RAJK openly and often. Now these functionaries seem to have become more cautious. Some are already hedging politically by talking of blunders allegedly made by RAKOSI. Well informed leading groups in the Hungarian Workers Party believed that RAJK fell victim to REVAI. They are now alarmed because REVA1 is very seldom seen. There is speculation as to whether he is occupied in presenting the attack on BAJK before the Cominform or intends to stay in MOSCOW permanently and stay out of Hungarian politics. Both the party organizations in BUDAPEST and those in the country are in a quandary about the RAJK case. Even the cadre leaders received no official information on the cetails. The information issued at the beginning was only a welter of vilification of the TROTSKYite spies. Even top staff functionaries in charge of instruction were not in a position to answer questions in detail.

The official propaganda gets little credit, and the legend about RAJK is steadily growing. His example encourages the discon-tented, rather than intimidating them.



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